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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 467

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 28, 2005

BILL AMENDED: Mar 17, 2005

SUBJECT: Personalized License Plates.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Buell

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill specifies certain procedures concerning the issuance of a personalized license plate (PLP). It requires the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) to issue PLPs for 2006 and 2007 in certain circumstances. The bill repeals the political contribution paid at the time of an application or renewal for a PLP, provides for a state fee and service charge to be paid at the time of application or renewal of a PLP, and repeals the related fee schedule for distribution of the contribution.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The proposal requires the BMV to determine who were issued a PLP in 2003, but were not issued the same plate for 2004 or 2005. In addition, the BMV will contact PLP holders to inquire if they desire the same PLP for CY 2006 that was not issued in CY 2004 or CY 2005. This will require time on the part of BMV personnel to determine these individuals. The fund affected is the Motor Vehicle Highway Account which supports the BMV.

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) It is not clear how the requirements of this proposal will impact the issuance of PLPs in CY 2006 and CY 2007. Likely, it will depend upon the reason(s) why the person(s) did not receive a PLP for CY 2004 and CY 2005. For example, a person may not have received the requested PLP, but purchased another PLP in its place; therefore, the number of PLPs issued would not have increased.

Political Contributions & License Plate Fees: The bill repeals the political contributions of \$30 for the application or renewal of a personalized license plate, and instead deposits the \$30 into the State License Branch Fund. The table below shows a five-year history of the revenue generated from the fee and the distribution to the two major political parties.

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2000	\$687,255	\$687,255	\$1,374,510
2001	705,105	705,105	1,410,210
2002	736,020	736,020	1,472,040
2003	699,795	699,795	1,399,590
2004	664,815	664,815	1,329,630

The State License Branch Fund supports approximately 168 license branches throughout the state.

Background Information: The fee for a PLP is \$48, with \$30 split between the two major political parties, while \$7 is deposited into the Motor Vehicle Highway Account, \$7 is deposited into the State License Branch Fund, and \$4 is deposited into the Crossroads 2000 Fund. The sales of PLPs over the last five years has averaged 45,917 per year. Total annual revenue from the sales of PLPs has averaged approximately \$2.2 M per year.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Bureau of Motor Vehicles; State License Branches.

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Information Sources: Cash Audit Report for CY 2000 through CY 2004.

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